

REMARKS

1. Introduction

In the Office Action mailed September 21, 2005, the Examiner rejected claims 15-18 and 21 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Schneider, U.S. Patent No. 6,570,871 ("Schneider"). The Examiner rejected claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schneider in view of Kleijn, U.S. Patent No. 5,704,003 ("Kleijn") and rejected claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schneider in view of Tangorra et al., U.S. Patent No. 6,760,602 ("Tangorra"). However, the Examiner allowed claims 1-8 and 22-34.

2. Response to Rejections

In this Response, Applicants have canceled claims 15-21 without prejudice. Claims 9-14 were previously canceled. Thus, claims 1-8 and 22-34, which the Examiner has already found to be allowable, are currently pending.

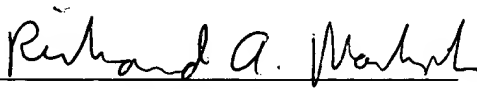
Because the Examiner has found all of the pending claims to be allowable, Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is hereby requested. Should the Examiner feel that further dialog would advance the subject application to issuance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned at any time at (312) 913-0001.

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